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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly" and to allocate it to all the Main Committees for the sole purpose of considering and taking action on their respective tentative programmes of work.

2. The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) considered the item at its 23rd meeting, on 14 November 2007 (see A/C.4/62/SR.23).

3. At the 23rd meeting, on 14 November, the Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a conference room paper entitled "Draft provisional guidelines: approximate dates for the consideration of items by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) at the sixty-third session of the General Assembly".

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft provisional guidelines annexed to the present report.

Recommendation of the Fourth Committee

5. The Fourth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

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The General Assembly approves the provisional guidelines: approximate dates for the consideration of items by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) at the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, as contained in the annex to the report of the Fourth Committee.

Annex

Provisional guidelines: approximate dates for the consideration of items by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) at the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Agenda items	*Dates for consideration*
Organization of work	2 October, morning (1 meeting)
Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations	6 October, afternoon 7 October, afternoon
Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories	8 October, afternoon 9 October, afternoon
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations	10 October, afternoon (5 meetings)
Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	
International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (interactive dialogue with the secretariat of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space on its work, followed by a general debate)	13 October, morning 14 October, morning 15 October, morning (3 meetings)
Effects of atomic radiation (interactive dialogue with the Secretariat on its work followed by a general debate)	16 October, morning (1 meeting)
Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (draft programme of work for the next session)	
Programme planning	
Questions relating to information (interactive dialogue with the Secretariat followed by a general debate)	17 October, morning 20 October, afternoon 22 October, afternoon (3 meetings)

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Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects (interactive dialogue with the Secretariat in accordance with the issues listed in the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations followed by a general debate)	23 October, afternoon 24 October, morning 27 October, morning 28 October, morning (4 meetings)
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (question and answer period followed by a general debate)	29 October, morning 30 October, morning 31 October, afternoon (3 meetings)
Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories	4 November, afternoon 5 November, morning 6 November, morning (3 meetings)
Action on all draft resolutions submitted under the last two items	7 November, morning (1 meeting)
Total	**24 meetings**